

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A belt tension indicator for indicating tension in a belt from a child safety seat to an anchorage, the indicator comprising:

a housing accommodating an end of the belt;

anchorage means extending from within the housing for securing the end of the belt to the anchorage;

an at least partially resilient connection of the belt in the housing to the securing means, the connection allowing resilient withdrawal of the belt from the housing at least to a predetermined tension associated with correct installation of the belt; and

an indicator for indicating that the predetermined tension in the belt has been reached;

the resilient connection being adapted to allow further withdrawal of the belt at higher tension such as to limit deceleration of an occupant of the seat in an accident.

Claim 2 (Original): A belt tension indicator as claimed in claim 1, wherein the resilient connection is adapted to allow the further withdrawal in a resilient manner.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A belt tension indicator as claimed in claim 2, wherein the resilient connection is adapted to allow the further withdrawal at ~~the same~~ a spring rate which is the same as a spring rate applied to the belt during ~~as that to~~ the resilient withdrawal to the predetermined tension.

Claim 4 (Original): A belt tension indicator as claimed in claim 3, wherein the resilient connection includes a single spring providing the resiliency to the predetermined tension and beyond.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A belt tension indicator as claimed in claim 2, wherein the resilient connection is adapted to allow the further withdrawal at a higher spring rate than a spring rate applied to the belt during ~~that to~~ the resilient withdrawal to the predetermined tension.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A belt tension indicator as claimed in claim 5, wherein the resilient connection includes two different rate springs, the first providing for the resilience to the predetermined tension and the second providing for the ~~high-rate resilience~~ resilience, further withdrawal at the higher spring rate.

Claim 7 (original): A belt tension indicator as claimed in claim 2, wherein the resilient connection is adapted to allow the further withdrawal at least partially at a steady tension.

Claim 8 (Original): A belt tension indicator as claimed in claim 7, wherein the resilient connection includes a member arranged to deform plastically to provide the steady tension.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A tension indicator as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the anchorage means is a clip.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A tension indicator as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 8, wherein the anchorage means is a length of strap.

Claims 11 (Currently Amended): A tension indicator as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the resilient means includes a shaft on which the strap is wound, the shaft resiliently urged ~~and resiliently urges the shaft~~ in rotation to wind in the strap, at least when the strap is tensioned to the predetermined tension.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A belt tension indicator as claimed in claim 11 ~~as~~
~~appendant to claim 4, 6 or 8~~, wherein ~~the~~ a spring or plastically deformable member is
arranged within the shaft, ~~10~~ being fast with the shaft at one end and with the housing
at the other end.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A belt tension indicator as claimed in claim 12, wherein
a spring for indicating the predetermined tension (~~the first spring of claim 6~~) is arranged
in series with the ~~said~~ spring or deformable member for urging the shaft in rotation.

Claim 14 (Original): A belt tension indicator as claimed in claim 13, wherein the spring
for indicating the predetermined tension is arranged to become coil bound in the event
of the predetermined tension being exceeded.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A belt tension indicator as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~
claim 11 to 14, wherein the indicator is a disc having indicating marks and arranged on
the shaft with the indicating marks visible through a window in the housing according to
the tension in the strap.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A belt tension indicator as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~
claim 11 to 15, wherein the housing is of moulded plastics material, enclosing metallic
members interconnecting the anchorage means and the resilient connection.

Claim 17 (Original): A belt tension indicator as claimed in claim 7, wherein the resilient
connection includes:

a central, transverse pin, the anchorage means being connected to the
transverse pin;

over-ridable stops adjacent the ends of the pins;

a U member having the strap connected to the central limb of the U and spiral
windings at the ends of the distal limbs, the ends of the transverse pin being received in
the spiral windings terminating in fingers, with the terminal fingers engaging the
over-ridable stops for resilient withdrawal of the strap up to at least the predetermined
tension, the arrangement being such that when the tension exceeds the predetermined
tension, the terminal fingers over-ride the stops and windings un-wind with plastic
deformation to provide the said limited deceleration.

Claim 18 (Original): A belt tension indicator as claimed in claim 17, wherein the indicating means is a flag carried on the U member and visible through a window in the housing.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A belt tension indicator as claimed in claim 18, wherein the ~~indicating~~ flag is crimped to the U member and able to slide along it when the tension exceeds the predetermined tension.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A belt tension indicator as claimed in claim 17, ~~claim 18~~ ~~or claim 19~~, including means to limit the unwinding of the spiral windings, to provide a complete connection of the strap to the anchorage means in even of such unwinding.